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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
10 AT TACOMA

11 JOHN REECE,

12 Petitioner,

13 v.

14 MAGGIE MILLER-STOUT,

15 Respondent.

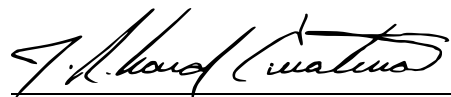
Case No. C09-5520RJB

ORDER GRANTING  
APPLICATION TO  
PROCEED *IN FORMA*  
*PAUPERIS*

16 The petitioner in this action is seeking federal habeas corpus relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C.  
17 § 2254. This case has been referred to the undersigned Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C.  
18 §§ 636 (b) (1) (A) and 636 (b) (1) (B) and Local Magistrate Judge's Rules MJR 3 and MJR 4.  
19 Petitioner's application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* (Dkt. # 1 and 3) is **GRANTED**.  
20 Petitioner does not appear to have access to funds to afford the \$5.00 filing fee.  
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22 The Clerk is directed to mail a copy of this Order to petitioner.

23 Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2009.  
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26 J. Richard Creatura  
United States Magistrate Judge